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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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**Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Keystone XL Pipeline**

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of State (Department) issues this Notice of Intent (NOI) to announce that it will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)—consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969—to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the Keystone XL Pipeline.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Detailed records on the proposed Project are available at: <https://keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 26, 2017, TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P. (TransCanada) resubmitted its 2012 Presidential permit application for the border facilities for the proposed Keystone XL Pipeline. The Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs determined that issuance of a Presidential permit to TransCanada to construct, connect, operate, and maintain pipeline facilities at the northern border of the United States to transport crude oil from Canada to the United States would serve the national interest. Accordingly, on March 23, 2017, the Under Secretary issued a

Presidential permit to TransCanada for the Keystone XL Pipeline border facilities. Subsequently, on November 20, 2017, the Nebraska Public Service Commission approved the Mainline Alternative Route for that pipeline in the State of Nebraska. TransCanada's application to the Bureau of Land Management for a right-of-way remains pending with that agency.

On July 30, 2018, the Department issued a *Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Keystone XL Pipeline Mainline Alternative Route in Nebraska* (83 FR 36659).

On September 24, 2018, the Department issued a Notice of Availability of the Draft SEIS for the Proposed Keystone XL Pipeline Mainline Alternative Route in Nebraska (83 FR 48358).

On November 8, 2018, the Federal District Court for the District of Montana ordered the Department to supplement the analysis in the 2014 *Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Keystone XL Pipeline* relating to greenhouse gas emissions, oil spills, cultural resources, and market analysis. In response to this ruling, the Department intends to issue the updated SEIS referred to in this Federal Register Notice.

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